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Congresswoman Matsui Honors Sacramentan Nilda Valmores with Congressional Victims Rights Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On April 6th, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-Sacramento) presented Nilda Valmores, Executive Director of Sacramento non-profit My Sister's House, with the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus Allied Professional Award for her work as a victims advocate. Congresswoman Matsui recognized and nominated Valmores because of her leadership at My Sister's House, a domestic violence shelter which focuses upon the needs of Asian Pacific Islander women and children, as well as her work in the community.

Since its inception in 2006, the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus has sponsored an awards ceremony in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week to honor those who serve crime victims for outstanding efforts in victim advocacy. The Allied Professional Award, presented to Valmores, recognizes the efforts of individuals, organizations, and/or coalitions that directly benefit victims of crime. The honoree exhibits leadership, creativity and commitment in linking allied professions to improve the plight of crime victims in our Nation.

"As a member of the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus, it is my pleasure to recognize Nilda's dedication to the women and families of the Sacramento region," said Congresswoman Matsui. "Nilda is a true trailblazer in our community and with her leadership My Sister's House has provided over 12,000 nights of shelter to women and children across the region. She is a tireless advocate for victims of domestic violence, and I am so pleased to see her recognized in such a way."

To see pictures from the event at the U.S. House of Representatives, please [click here](#) .

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About My Sister's House:

My Sister's House is the only non-profit organization in the Central Valley which specifically addresses the issue of domestic violence within the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian/Pacific Islander community. My Sister's House opened its shelter, also known as Safe Haven in April 2003. The shelter accommodates up to six women and children at any given time. Already it has provided more than 12,500 bed nights of shelter to Asian/Pacific women and children. This year My Sister's House is celebrating its 10th Anniversary at The Crest on May 23, 2011.